Great Sand Dunes

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Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve



Free Ranger-Guided Programs

Sept 14th - 20th, 2014

Sunday, Sept 14th

1:00 pm Discovery Activity - Discover how the Sand Dunes formed, why Medano Creek is unique, what's in the sand, and more! Visitor Center, 20 minutes

3:30 pm Afternoon Program – "Wild about Bears" Join us to learn about Black Bears who inhabit this rich and complex environment. Visitor Center, 30 minutes

Monday, Sept 15th

1:00 pm Discovery Activity - Discover how the Sand Dunes formed, why Medano Creek is unique, what's in the sand, and more! Visitor Center, 20 minutes

3:30 pm Afternoon Program - "Rhythm of the Dunes" - Come discover the fascinating wildlife of the dunes! Visitors will get to produce percussion beats within this unique and diverse environment. Visitor Center, 30 minutes

Tuesday, Sept 16th

1:00 pm Discovery Activity - Discover how the Sand Dunes formed, why Medano Creek is unique, what's in the sand, and more! Visitor Center, 20 minutes

Wednesday, Sept 17th

1:00 pm Discovery Activity - Discover how the Sand Dunes formed, why Medano Creek is unique, what's in the sand, and more! Visitor Center, 20 minutes

3:30 pm Afternoon Program - "Buried Treasures" - Discover how the Great Sand Dunes formed over time, and what people in the past may have experienced here. See and touch real artifacts and fossils! Visitor Center, 30 minutes

Thursday, Sept 18th

1:00 pm Discovery Activity - Discover how the Sand Dunes formed, why Medano Creek is unique, what's in the sand, and more! Visitor Center, 20 minutes

3:30 pm Afternoon Program - "Buried Treasures" - Discover how the Great Sand Dunes formed over time, and what people in the past may have experienced here. See and touch real artifacts and fossils! Visitor Center, 30 minutes

Friday, Sept 19th

1:00 pm Discovery Activity - Discover how the Sand Dunes formed, why Medano Creek is unique, what's in the sand, and more! Visitor Center, 20 minutes

8:00 Star Gazing Program – "Our Home Away From Home: the Night Sky" - Join a ranger in an evening of constellation mythology and star gazing to discover the beauty of dark night skies. Amphitheater, 45 minutes

Saturday, Sept 20th

1:00 pm Discovery Activity - Discover how the Sand Dunes formed, why Medano Creek is unique, what's in the sand, and more! Visitor Center, 20 minutes

3:30 pm Afternoon Program - "Wild about Bears" Join us to learn about Black Bears who inhabit this rich and complex environment. Visitor Center, 30 minutes

8:00 Evening Program – "The Dunes Yesterday...and Today!" – See the diverse ways people have experienced the dunes in the past... and how we enjoy the park today. Fun songs, real artifacts, prehistoric mammal fossils, and historic and contemporary photos on the big screen will be included. Amphitheater, 45 minutes